

19-21 S. Washington Street (Commercial Building)  
(Tiffin Woolen Mill,  
Gordon Lumber Company)  
Tiffin  
Seneca County  
Ohio

HABS No. OH-2328

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Ohio	COUNTY Seneca	TOWN OR VICINITY City of Tiffin
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 19-21 S. Washington Street (Commercial Building)		HABS NO. OH-2328
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Tiffin Woolen Mill, Gordon Lumber Company		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 19-21 S. Washington Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Circa 1900 (Ohio Historic Trust)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The building was built as an addition to the Tiffin Woolen Mills, according to the Ohio Historic Trust Inventory. It exemplifies late 19th- early 20th century brick manufacturing/commercial structures.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Brick Manufacturing/Commercial		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick bearing flat tin roof, Wall treatment-stretcher bond		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Building is rectangular, total 76 foot frontage on Washington Street and 183 foot depth (see sketch attached)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The main feature is the Oriel window on the 2nd floor topped by two smaller rectangular windows over each one of the oriel windows. The oriel windows are connected by a balcony and the building is topped by a cornice with dentil.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Floor plan sketch is attached. The interior has been reduced to a shell of bare wood framing. Some remnants of partitions placed for commercial use of the building remain; however they are in poor condition.		(Over)
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1915- Was used as the Home Laundry      1924- New Home Laundry 1919- Cole's Cleaning and Dye works      1930- Comper's Dry Cleaning 1921- Dermody and Merchant Tailors      1936- Frankhart's Upholstering (Over)		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Building is in dilapidated state with missing mortar, unstable and leaking roof, water damage, and pigeon infestation. Building is vacant.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Ohio; Historic Inventory refers to the Gordon Lumber building as follows: "These two buildings, now used as one, are twins with many of the same features as the twin across S. Washington Street."		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Seneca County Museum Ohio Historic Trust Inventory Tiffin Historic Trust		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Paula A. Young, Tiffin Chamber of Commerce		DATE March 18, 1988

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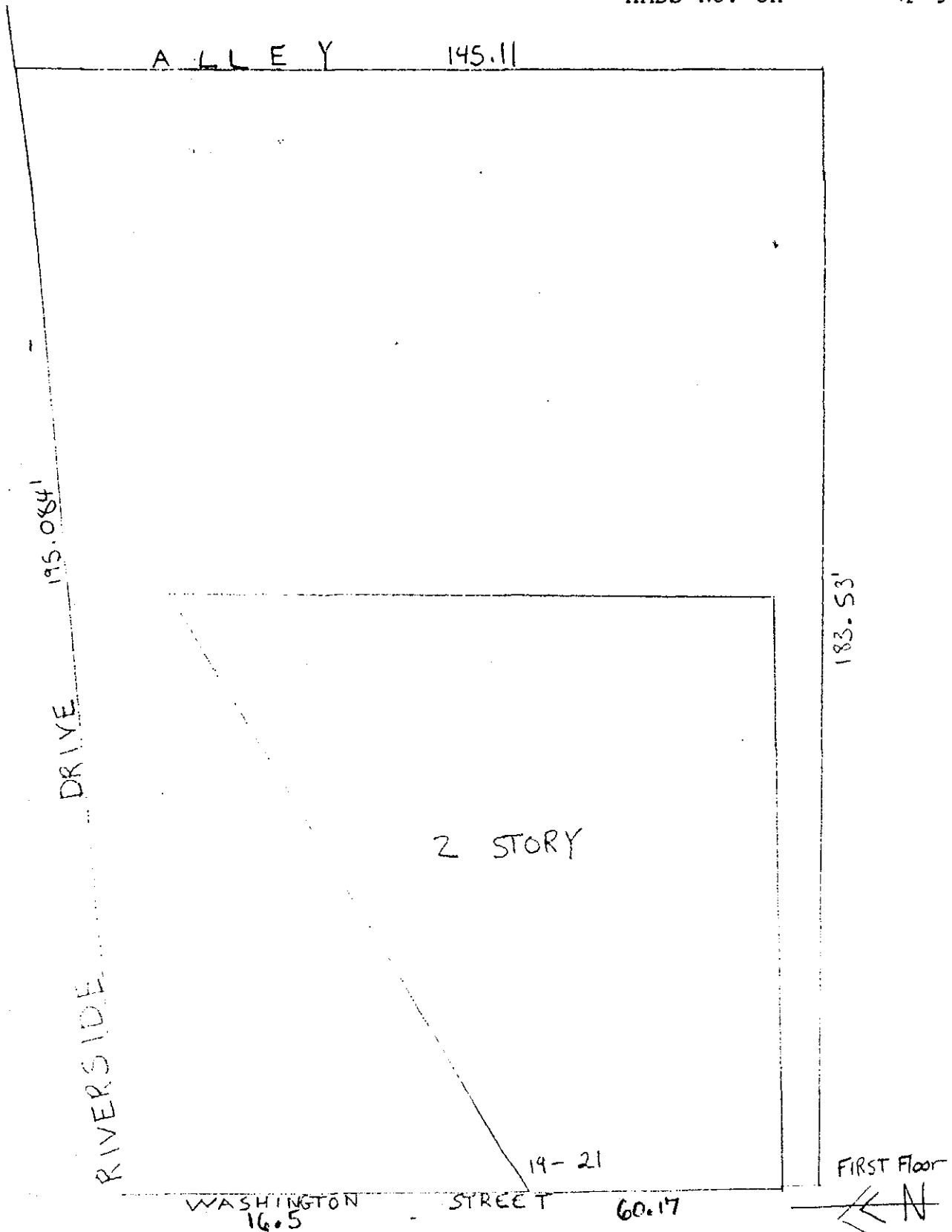
(Exterior features, continued)

topped by a cornice with dentils and with several rows of bricks above the cornice. There is a small rectangular window in the center bay of the second floor. The backs of both sides have additions of later dates (unknown), which form a U-shaped plan because the center bay has not been extended. Part of one of these additions on the south was later demolished (dates unknown).

(Alterations and Additions, continued)

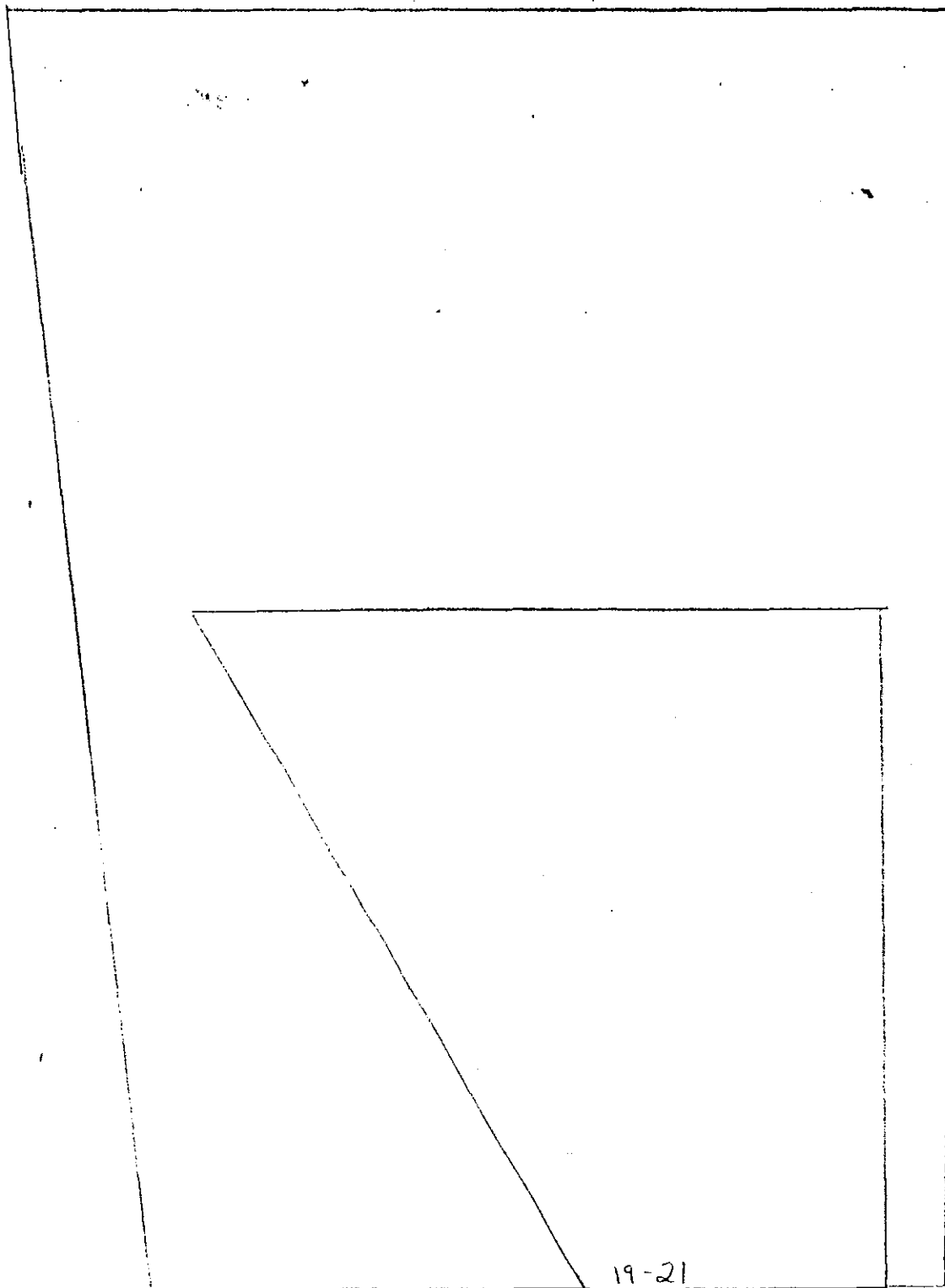
1961 - Pizza Villa  
1970-1974 Vacant  
1974-1977 - Faith Action  
1977 - present - vacant

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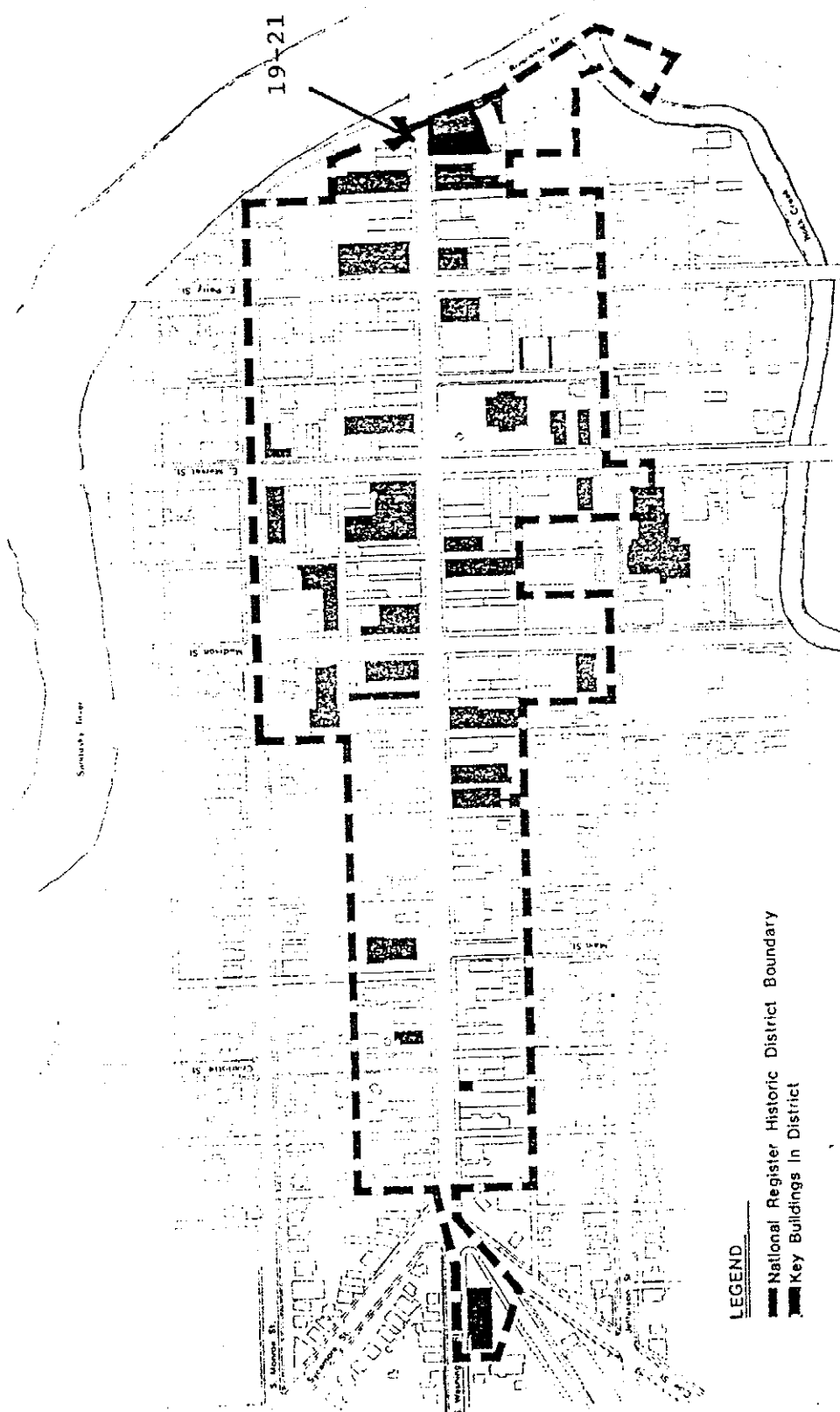


DIMENSIONS

2ND Floor

1" = 10'

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**LEGEND**

- National Register Historic District Boundary
- Key Buildings In District



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**Tiffin, Ohio**

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